

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-8, 10-13 and new claims 14-20 are pending. The amendments and new claims are supported in the published specification as follows: Claims 1, 8 and 13: Claim 3, [0040], [0041]; Claim 14: Table 2, Table 3; Claim 15: [0061]; Claim 16: Table 2, Table 3; Claim 17: [0061]; Claim 18: Table 2, Table 3; and Claim 19: [0061]. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12 and 13 are provisionally rejected based on obviousness-type double patenting over claim 13 copending application no. 10/591,706. (Office Action p.2)

The current status of application no. 10/591,706 is that the first Office Action has not yet been received. Should the instant application be issued first, a Terminal Disclaimer can be filed in the later application.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Furuta et al (US 5,891,532). (Office Action, page 3)

The applicants respectfully rebut the anticipation rejection. The applicants are now specifically claiming a resin article obtained by a heat treatment after being molded from a resin or performing a heat treatment to a resultant molded article. Furuta'532 does not disclose molding followed by heat treating.

The rejection notes in col.12, lines 11-14 disclosure related to molding at molding temperatures above or below the flow temperature. However heating during molding, as disclosed in Furuta'532, is not the same as *a heat treatment after molding*; nor is there other disclosure regarding a molded article which has been heat treated according the claimed process temperature conditions.

Without the requisite anticipatory disclosure, Furuta'532 fails to legally anticipate the invention now claimed. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 7 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furuta et al (US 5,891,532 hereinafter referred to as '532) in view of Furuta et al (US 5,759,674 hereinafter referred to as '674). (Office Action, page 5)

Furuta'532 exclusively discloses a film. While Furuta'674 also discloses primarily a film, it does disclose a molded article in Examples 1-4. However the combination of Furuta'532 and Furuta'674 fails to compensate for the lack of disclosure of claimed matter mentioned above. Therefore there can be no *prima facie* rejection of obviousness established from the combination of references.

As far as new claims 14-19, the inclusion of the inorganic filler is important for reinforcement of the molded article. The specific amount of the filler is recited in new dependent claims 14, 16, and 18, while the specific kind of the filler is recited in new dependent claims 15, 17, and 19. While Furuta'674 discloses that an inorganic filler may be added to the liquid crystal polyester, the reference fails to teach a specific amount as recited in the new dependent claims.

Thus for both the previous claims and the new claims, a *prima facie* rejection of obviousness is not established.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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